Government for technology development and modernisation of small scale industrial clusters in Himachal Pradesh during the years 1997 to date;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) An amount of Rs. 838.07 lakhs has been sanctioned and disbursed by Government and Government agencies, for technology development and modernisation of small scale industries in Himachal Pradesh since 1997.

(b) Details of reimbursement are as follows:

(i) NSIC has provided financial assistance of Rs. 833.75 lakhs to SSIs in Himachal Pradesh;

(ii) Rs. 4.32 lakhs have been sanctioned and disbursed to SSI units for obtaining ISO 9000 certification by Government of India.

(c) Does not arise.

Small Scale Industries in Himachal Pradesh

1661. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of small and cottage industries set up or financed by Government in Himachal Pradesh district-wise and Station-wise details;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to promote these industries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Government does not set up any small and cottage industries. Financing of individual units are taken up by the banks and financial institutions; the details of which are not maintained by the Government.

(b) to (d) The Central Government has set up a Small Industries Service Institute at Solan and an Entrepreneurship Development Institute at Parwanoo. Besides, under the Integrated Infrastructure Development (IID)

Scheme, one centre each in the districts of Mandi and Bilaspur has been sanctioned.

The Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) programme is also in operation in Himachal Pradesh for the promotion of micro-enterprises.

Introduction of Computer Courses by Small Scale Service Institutes

1662. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Small Scale Service Institutes throughout the country have stopped imparting training on Industries/entrepreneurs developmental programmes and started Computer Courses intended to earn profit;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) names of such SSIs in Orissa which are imparting Computer Courses that propose to start the said courses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Small Industries Service Institutes (SISIs) continue to impart training to entrepreneurs through a series of Entrepreneurship Development Programmes, Management Development Programmes and Skill Development Programmes on a regular basis. In addition to the above mentioned training Programmes, some of the SISIs viz. New Delhi, Chennai and Bangalore have been conducting Computer Courses to help entrepreneurs and their employees to keep pace with the emerging trends in Information Technology for adopting better Management and Marketing practices.

(c) None of the SSIs in the State of Orissa is conducting Computer Courses.

Closure of small scale units

1663. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact, that larger number of small scale units are closing down;

(b) if so, what is their number in the last five years; and